

Harper child care plan hits poor families, council told [CA-ON] ^[1]

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Low-income parents in London could lose thousands of dollars each year if Prime Minister Stephen Harper replaces subsidized child care with money to families that most benefits the wealthy, city council was told last night.

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At stake is \$13.2 million in funding planned to create and operate 290 child-care spaces through local school boards.

"It's absolutely shocking," councillor and poverty activist Susan Eagle said during a break from a council meeting.

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"It's going to be the most vulnerable and the most in need of child care who will receive the smallest benefit," Eagle said.

By a vote of 18-1, council authorized Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco to write Harper, as most Ontario mayors are doing, to ask him to continue subsidizing child care at the rate promised by the previous Liberal government.

Only Coun. Rob Alder objected. "The other side of the coin is parents (will) have a choice," Alder said.

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